

Keeping Up
With Texas

Two men were killed Friday night at Houston when they walked into the path of a locomotive, apparently failing to see the engine. The dead: Manuel Sanchez, 27, and Justo Espitia, 36.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hay, who apparently were killed instantly in a tornado near Plainview Friday night, were found 200 yards from the site of their crumpled farm house.

L. B. Moore, formerly of the Strawn Tribune, took over Monday as publisher of the Aspermont Star. W. L. Garner, former publisher, is moving to Ranger.

Rev. Thomas J. Windham, Houston's "marrying and burying parson," died at his home there early Saturday. The 74-year-old retired Episcopal minister had buried more than 10,000 persons and had married almost 5,000 couples in his 37 years in Houston.

Dr. Hubert Henry Fletcher, 69, of McAllen, was killed Sunday night when his car overturned 11 miles north of Fort Worth. He was en route to Beloit, Kans., to perform an operation Wednesday. It was believed that Dr. Fletcher suffered a heart attack.

Two Childress high school students, Miss Emma Dean Jackson, 16, Childress, and James Weldon Poling, 17, were killed in a car accident Sunday. Five other persons were in hospitals Monday, one critically injured.

Gayle Case, 9, was killed at Littlefield when struck by lightning. The girl's mother and four other members of the family, walking nearby, were knocked down.

B. B. Covey, 43, superintendent of the Bronte schools for three years until his resignation this summer, died in a San Angelo hospital Saturday morning from injuries received May 1 when his car hit a bridge near Bronte.

Garland Ray Reese, two-and-a-half year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Lee Reese, of Winters, died Thursday afternoon from a bean lodged in his lung, as his parents were taking him to an Abilene hospital for treatment.

Traffic fatalities in Houston and Harris county for 1941 reached 35 Monday when L. Gus Hopper, 60, victim of a hit-and-run driver, was killed on the Goose Creek highway.

Pvt. Alvin E. Hawkins, 5th cavalry, Fort Bliss, son of Mrs. Bertha Hawkins, Abilene, was wounded fatally Saturday when a machine gun accidentally discharged while being transported from the target range to Fort Bliss on a truck.

Safe Looters Get \$500 in Cash from Saturday's Haul

Officers are without any clue as to the principals in the burglary of the Max Mellinger store Saturday night, in which cash and currency estimated at \$500 was taken.

The money was taken from the safe after it had been opened by knocking the knob, and checks were littered over the office after the ransacking of the safe. The burglary was discovered about 9 o'clock Sunday morning when Mr. Mellinger came to the store.

Deputy Sheriff P. A. Diltz, who investigated the case with Homer Bradford of the Sweetwater police department and City Marshal D. H. Vaughn, said that fingerprints were found, but did not prove of much aid.

Entrance was gained through the roof, ceiling and a balcony. A brace and bit had been used to bore a hole about 15 inches square in the composition roof and through the ceiling.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

The petit jury for next week in 42nd district court includes the following names:

Tom Largent, C. A. Higgins, W. R. Cox, J. M. Meeks, Merkel; M. K. Conley, A. E. Hall, G. O. LaGrange, W. M. Yowell, Fred Yandell, W. A. Daniel, O. B. Birdwell, A. B. Hale, Andrew King, Joe B. Scott, R. N. Howe, Oliver Cunningham, E. J. Johnson, R. B. Freeman, W. J. Bryan, U. F. Casey, A. J. Jenkins, W. Sayon, Geo D. Grave, Ed Fuson, Alton Hurd (colored), D. A. Mayhew, W. F. Matheny, Frank Z. Rennells, C. W. Bacon, H. D. Hopkins, Dale Ackers, S. B. Mooty, Hoard Large, Don Waddington, Pete Joeris, E. T. Shelton, J. W. Rogers, Dr. C. B. Leggett, W. B. Twomey, J. W. Stitts, T. M. Skipper, T. E. Kuykendall, Chas. F. Bacon, G. L. Belcher, A. C. Guley, W. D. Blanks, Abilene; H. H. Hardin, Bradshaw; W. C. Cook, Wingate; J. L. Beard, Tuscola; W. M. Baker, Lawn.

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Military Parade Opens Rodeo Season

MHS SENIORS REACH CLOSE OF YEAR'S WORK

Commencement Exercises to Be Held Friday Night; Becky Gardner is Valedictorian, Doris Clyde Miller, Salutatorian.

Commencement exercises of the graduating class of Merkel High school will be held Friday evening, beginning at 8:15 at the school auditorium.

There are 54 candidates for graduation in the class of '41 consisting of 18 boys and 36 girls.

Valedictorian of the class is Becky Gardner, whose average for the last two years of High school was 96.9. During all four years in High school she had achieved a record of 96.

Miss Doris Clyde Miller averaged 94 to win the honor of salutatorian. The program for Friday night follows:

Processional, "Triumphal March from Aida" (Verdi), High school band.

Invocation, Minister Lee Starnes. Solo, "A Perfect Day" (Carrie Jacobs-Bond), Doris Clyde Miller, salutatorian.

"To Effective Living," David Gibson.

"To Youth," Eva Martin.

"To America's Mission," Douglas McCoy.

"To Faith," Becky Gardner, valedictorian.

"The Rosary," Senior girls.

Class prophecy, Tommye Grimes.

Class will, John Mack Grant, president of class.

"To Friendship," Louise Patterson.

Solo, "My Prayer" (Edward), Dorothy Shannon.

Presentation of diplomas, Supt. Connor Robinson.

Benediction, Rev. J. Basil Ramsey.

Dr. E. B. Atwood of Hardin-Simmons university preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class Sunday evening in the school auditorium.

Kid Gang Lectured In Juvenile Court

A weird story of a kid "gang" operating from a cave headquarters here was unfolded in juvenile court in Abilene Saturday morning.

While a score or more parents and other spectators listened, five boys, ages 11 to 15, told County Judge Carl Hulse they burglarized four Merkel houses, rifled 50 or 60 automobiles and undertook a school burglary that failed when the leader lost his bravado.

Judge Hulse took them to rigid accounting and probated them to their parents. He ordered them all to start regular Sunday School and church attendance.

Their two-months' careers ran afoul of the law when two of them stole a pistol from a car parked in front of City Marshal Doc Vaughan's home.

The boys carried on their operations from what they called a cave on a vacant lot in Merkel.

1941 Rainfall Including May Tops 13 Inches

Accompanied by a terrific wind-storm, this section was visited by another rain Friday night, resulting in a half-inch of moisture, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford, but causing very little damage in the immediate area. The precipitation brings the year's rainfall figure to 13 1-16 inches.

Sandfer Heads County Campaign for Mann

A Taylor County Mann's-the-Mann-for-Senator club was organized at the court house Tuesday afternoon, with Gib Sandfer, Hardin-Simmons university band and athletic manager, named as permanent chairman. Ben L. Cox presided for the meeting.

Wiley Caffey of Abilene was elected vice-chairman, and an advisory committee of 29 members was chosen. Included in the group of advisers is Charles (Buck) Bowman of Merkel.

One of Eight Events on Card



SEVENTH GRADE EXERCISES HELD

Following Presentation of Operetta, Certificates Presented to 54 Members of Class

Following the presentation of the operetta, closing exercises of the seventh grade of the Merkel Public school, certificates were presented to 54 members of the graduating class by the principal, Gordon Green, Monday evening in the school auditorium.

Reba Rae Kingsbury won the valedictory honors with an average of 93.3. Salutatorian of the class was Betty Gilbert, whose average was 92.8.

Diplomas were awarded to: Geneva Allen, Betty Jo Amerson, Roy Baccus, Robbie Louise Barbee, Dorman Clark, Winford Crawford, Jean Curb, Otilla Dorene Doan, Doris Dudley, Billie Gene Dye, Wayne Farr, Eulala Floyd, Wallace Frazier, Billie W. Frazier, Becky Jewel Gaitner, Juanita Garvin, John Angus Garvin, Betty Gilbert, J. L. Gilbreath, James Wade Griswold, Lois Marie Harris, Charles Earl Harwell, Ollie Higgins, Jr., Zedic Glenn Johnson, Reba Rae Kingsbury, Dorothy Nell Lee, Valerie Leonard.

Billy London, James Foy McBride, Jerry McGehee, Opal Rudell Mitchell, Buford Noel, Dan Moody Pannell, Dorothy Pauline Patton, Calvin Peterson, Burnis R. Powell, Billy Mayfield Ramsey, Bobbie Nell Reagan, Jimmie Reid, Billie Ann Reidenbach, Wayne Richie, Genevieve Robertson, Virgil Glenn Sears, Frank Simpson, Jr., William Clay Smith, Lindy Smith, Marvin Russell Smith, John Stapleton, A. G. Stout, Jennie Ree Teaff, John Leonard Turner, James Roy Turner, Gwyndolyn Vaughn, Marjorie Geraldine Williams.

White Church Plans For 53rd Anniversary

On Sunday, May 18, the Methodist church at White Church, one of the oldest churches in Taylor county, will celebrate its 53rd anniversary. It will be home-coming day for former members of the church and community.

Arrangements are being made by Rev. J. B. Stewart, pastor of the church. Rev. C. W. Young of Colorado City, one of the first preachers at White Church, and Rev. Joe Morrison have been invited as guest speakers.

There will be a memorial service, dedicated to beloved members who have passed on. Any one wishing to contribute to this memorial service is asked to notify the committee, Messdames P. R. McLean, Will Butman and Dan Brown.

The service will be followed by a basket dinner.

JUDGE STINSON TRENT SPEAKER

Prominent Abilene Attorney to Address High School Graduating Class

Trent, May 15.—Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene will deliver the address to the graduating class of Trent high school in closing exercises Friday evening at the school auditorium.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday evening by Rev. Cecil Tune, pastor of the Methodist church. The program included several numbers by a choir, directed by J. C. Crain, and a quartet number by Mr. Crain, Joe Nalley, T. B. Friend and Bry Burkhardt. Invocation was given by T. B. Friend and Supt. R. L. Fortune pronounced the benediction.

Members of the graduating class are: Helga Beasley, Raydell Bishop, Mary Frances Bright, Nadine Childers, Ladie Fred Crain, Alpha Graham, Betty Lou Howell, Allene Johnson, Mildred Maddera, Virginia Chloe McRee, Avis Neill, Mildred Nixon, Tommie O'Rear, Billy Joe Purser, Leo Reynolds, Jonnie Roberts, Willadene Strawn, Wanda Stribling, Wilma Stribling, Mildred Swinney, Billy Tittle, Roy Yandell, Herbert Dene West.

Masons Send Pot Plants to Widows

Following a custom started last year, members of the Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., remembered the widows of forty Masons with pot plants on Mother's day, and cards were sent to twelve others away from here.

The six oldest local Masons were also remembered with pot plants: G. F. Woods, T. R. Lassiter, N. D. Cobb, Joe Holmes, John Hughes and J. M. Garrett.

Advanced to Sergeant's Rank at Kelly Field

Recent promotion from the rank of private to sergeant has come to Raymond E. Cannon, son of Mrs. Annie Turner of Merkel, according to announcement from Col. H. E. Harmon, commanding officer of the Air Corps Advanced Flying school at Kelly field.

Promotions in the air corps even at this time of a national emergency, are not easily obtained. They must be earned by application and hard work.

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Goode, Route 2, Tuesday, May 13, 1941.

PARADE FORMS ON OAK STREET; STARTS AT 10:30

The colorful military parade, scheduled for Saturday morning at 10:30, featuring two and maybe three bands and one or more companies of soldiers and inaugurating the 1941 summer rodeo season, will form on Oak street at the intersection of the fourth street south of the railroad, it is announced by Chairman W. R. Yazell of the parade committee.

Headed by an army band and troops from Camp Barkeley, with the Merkel Badger band in their striking new uniforms, merchants' floats, rodeo contestants and women and girl riders, cowboys and cowgirls, following in the order named, the line of march will be north on Oak across the railroad, east to Edwards street, one block north on that street, east on Elm and circling the block back to Edwards in front of the Queen theatre, turning west on Elm, south on Kent to the highway, one block out the highway and then to the tabernacle to disband.

It is urged that the east side of Oak street be left free for forming the parade. Car owners may park on the west side of Oak.

Cemetery Clean-up Campaign Nears End

Those who have not yet made their contribution to the cemetery clean-up fund are asked to leave their checks at once either with Mrs. Elma McFarland, committee chairman, or at the Merkel Mail office, as it is planned to close the campaign early next week and start the work of cleaning up Rose Hill the latter part of the week.

The bottles which have been left in business houses in town, will remain a few more days and every one is urged to assist with donations.

A great many lot-owners in Rose Hill care for their own space and it will be greatly appreciated by the committee, if this is attended to the first of the week before the general clean-up starts.

It is planned to put as many men to work and to complete the work in as short time as possible. Those interested in securing a day's work should see Mrs. McFarland by 5 p. m. Thursday, May 22.

Oil Notes.

Merry Brothers & Perini and Butler & Horne No. 1, T. E. Collins was underreaming casing at a total depth of 2,572 early in the week.

Upon the arrival of a load of eight-inch casing, J. L. McMahon et al No. 1 George L. Miller was due to resume drilling past 1,919 feet.

Location is reported to have been staked for W. D. Brodover No. 1 W. C. Church, a direct west offset to the recent Wimberley discovery well.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 27, 1921.)

On last Monday evening at the Baptist church the friends and parents of the Senior class gathered to hear the address to be delivered to them by President Jesse J. Sewell of Abilene Christian college.

The Seniors themselves rendered some very good music and acquitted themselves throughout with merit. Diplomas of graduation were presented to eleven graduates as follows: Mae Beidleman, Bill Stevens, Hazel Harkrider, Evelyn Hamm, Loyce Dry, Wade Darsey, Sewell Harvell, Iva Landreth, Roy Largent, Scott and Lucille Russell.

After the presentation of diplomas, Superintendent Burgess awarded the scholarships to the salutatorian, Lucille Russell, and Sewell Harvell, valedictorian.

The concluding act of the exercises was the presentation of sixty honor certificates to the following who had been neither absent nor tardy since the opening of school last September:

DAY'S PROGRAM PROMISES FUN, THRILLS GALORE

Performance Starts at 2 P. M.; Eighty-five Head of Live Stock in Tiptop Shape To Give Cowboys Tough-Going.

"All set and ready to go" was the word from Co-Chairmen Howard and Homer Laney of the rodeo committee Thursday morning, and the same expression came from R. T. Gray, president of the Merchants Trade Extension association, Inc., sponsors of the series of free summer rodeos which has made Merkel famous all over this section in the eight years since the first free rodeo was staged here under the auspices of this association.

Reference was had to the spectacular 8-event arena performance Saturday, May 17, starting at 2 p. m., which will mark the opening of the 1941 summer series of six shows. Dates follow the grand opening every third Saturday, viz., June 28, July 19, Aug. 9, Aug. 30. All shows this year will be day shows.

Laney brothers, who will this year manage the show as joint rodeo chairmen and who have provided 85 head of stock for the shows—greatest number ever contracted for by the Merchants association—will also have charge of putting the cattle through the chutes, insuring the fullest co-ordination of all working units. Tom Jinkens is again in charge of entries.

Team tying and junior steer riding are added events this year, besides the standard card: calf roping, wild cow milking, steer riding, bull riding, and saddle and bareback bronc riding. Starting the festivities of opening day will be a spectacular parade at 10:30 a. m., in which two or more bands and troops from Camp Barkeley will take part. All rodeo contestants are especially invited and urged to ride in the big parade.

RESERVED SEATS.
Numbered reserved seats are now on sale at both drug stores. 40 cents to everybody. Other seats will be placed on sale at the grounds at 1 p. m. Saturday: 25c for adults and 10 cents for children under 12.

Methodists' Vacation School Begins Monday

The Annual Vacation Church school at the Methodist church will begin Monday morning of next week and continue through Friday of the following week.

The school will be in session for two hours each day, beginning at 9 a. m. The two hours each day will be provided for children from 4 to 15 years of age.

Methodist families are urged to send all the children to this school. All the children of Merkel who wish to attend will be welcome.

6: Eris Ash, Floyd Hutcheson, Floy Ash, Rosie Laney, Juanita Beene, Mabel Parker, Mae Beidleman, Ima Parrack, Hazel Bell, Mary Parrack, Annie Marie Brown, Juanita Patterson, Inice Brown, Orpah Patterson, Ouida Campbell, Ruth Pike, Claude Cash, Stanford Pitcock, Aileen Childress, Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Travis Cooper, Cleburne Rose, Eiba Cox, Leona Rose, Lillian Craig, Joe Bray Cyfert, Annie Lou Russell, Dorothy Daniels, Lucille Russell, Lois Dickerson, Johnnie Sears, Lorene Dixon, Arnold Sherrill, Raymond Earthman, Bonnie Mae Sherrill, Roy Elliott, Castle Ellis, Edith Smith, Iris Garrett, Irene Stevenson, Ray Garrett, Ena Toombs, Lucille Guitar, Mabel Toombs, Beth Hamm, Evelyn Hamm, Alton Vick, Hazel Harkrider, Rarence Vick, W. L. Harkrider, Byron Walton, Vinnie Heizer, Gladys Watts, Lucille Hogg, Homer Williams, Velma Holloway, Claude Wills, Opal Horton, Audrey Wither and Thelma Horton.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Buena Stribling has returned from the hospital at Roscoe and is convalescing at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Terry and baby daughter were here for the week-end from Lubbock. Mrs. Terry remained for a visit, dividing the time here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, and her parents at Merkel.

Mrs. Cullen Tittle and little sons of Fabens are visiting with the C. R. Tittle family and Mrs. W. E. Hamner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hughes and son, Bobby, spent Mother's day at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hughes, at Roby.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Crocker visited Mrs. Lillian McCord of Sweetwater Sunday.

Miss Virgie Hardy of Abilene was a guest Sunday afternoon of Miss Yvonne Hodges and also visited a number of other friends.

Alva Statser, who is in service in Colorado, spent a few days recently with home folks.

Mrs. Ann Boone, who has employment in Abilene, was the week-end guest of her daughter, Mrs. Winn, and her sons and families, Joe and Alton Boone.

Miss Louise Purser, who is now working at Anson, was home for the week-end.

Miss Dollie Wash of Goldsmith was a recent visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wash.

Mrs. Reba Work of Canyon was a guest last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sherrill Bishop have as their guest this week Miss Virginia Carley.

B. L. Falkner was called to Franklin last Wednesday to attend the funeral of a sister-in-law, Mrs. W. J. Falkner.

Miss Charlene James, who is employed in Abilene, was home for Mother's day.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Russell of Anson attended to business here Monday. Mrs. Russell, who was Miss Tennie Pope, took the opportunity to see a number of old friends.

Messrs. John and Earl Strawn visited over the week-end with their mother in Greenville.

Clarence Riley left Friday for El Paso to report for army service.

Mrs. J. Cal Hamner and Mrs. J. B. Winn attended the funeral of Mrs. Carl Black at Merkel Thursday.

Miss Dorothy Jo Strawn, James Strawn, Mark Williamson and Lewis Tiner, all Tarleton students, were home to spend Mother's day.

Mrs. W. T. Hamor and son, Billie, of Winters, spent several days last week in the Beckham home.

H.W. Beckham and his mother have returned from a trip east. They accompanied Mrs. Mary Winston to her home in Thayer, Mo. On their way they took the opportunity to

Men and Motors—The New Army on Wheels



Uncle Sam's motorized force—the new army on wheels—is symbolized by the "dawn patrol" of Chevrolet 4 x 4 army trucks shown across the bottom of the photo. The Chevrolet four-wheel-drive army truck, above, carries a complete telephone switchboard. Within a few minutes after the Fourth Division's motorized units completed a 235-mile trek from Fort Benning, Ga., on a practice mass movement, Major-General Lloyd R. Fredendall could communicate with every part of the vast encampment. The Fourth, moving in three columns, each 45 miles long, made the trip in 10 hours as compared with nearly 10 days before motorization.

visit with relatives in Rosedale, Okla., and Mt. View, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gordon and son and Mrs. Levi Gordon and daughters, Emilie and Camilla, spent the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Maulding of Ranger.

Miss Mildred Owens of Sweetwater was a recent guest in the home of her cousin, Roscoe Owens.

Miss Helen McLeod of Hardin-Simmons university spent the week-end with home folks.

FAMILY REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Swinney, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Swinney, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Swinney and Mesdames D. C. Logan and A. G. Clements attended the Swinney reunion held at the home of their mother, Mrs. W. H. Swinney, of Athens. The occasion honored their mother on her 79th birthday.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

Rev. Cecil Tune preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Trent high school Sunday evening.

Monday evening Miss Christine Collins presented her pupils in a recital at the school auditorium.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

Tuesday evening officers of the Parent-Teacher association were installed. Mrs. Friend's first grade pupils furnished the program.

Friday night will bring commencement exercises.

Auto Output for Next Year Cut 20 Per Cent

Washington, May 15.—Automobile manufacturers were advised by the Office of Production Management Saturday that they could make 4,224,152 vehicles in the model year beginning Aug. 1.

Individual allotments were assigned to each company, but officials said that the figures would not be disclosed by firms.

Total output of the automobile industry this year was estimated at 5,289,974 cars and the overall reduction will amount to 1,057,994 or 20 per cent.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

Alabama Grand Old State, Says Merkelite

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson have just returned home after a four weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. Johnson has furnished The Mail the following words of praise in honor of "dear old Alabama, my native state:"

"Now, listen, folks, those of you who are from Alabama. I will review a few of the interesting things about that fine old state. It was once popularly called the Cotton State and while it is still among the leading cotton states, Alabama has for a number of years built for its future prosperity upon a broader foundation of diversified agriculture industry.

"If the state has lost some of the romance and color of the old days when cotton was king, it may yet look with pride upon the fact that at the present time Alabama not only grows many other crops but also ranks high among the mineral producing states. Upon the products of its agriculture, forestry and mining are built great manufacturing enterprises.

"The rivers utilized for transportation and power are another of its major natural resources.

"Alabama is a grand old state with its land, rivers and forests as natural sources and, combined with its churches, charitable institutions and educational facilities, it compares favorably with any state in the union. Those who claim it as their native state have much indeed to be proud of. I will always be true to dear old Alabama."

Officers Installed By Trent PTA Unit

Trent, May 15.—Last meeting of the Trent Parent-Teacher association for the 1940-41 school year was held Tuesday night. With Mrs. C. W. Edwards presiding, committee chairmen gave reports and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux read a letter from the Sixth District president.

The yearbook, which was graded 95A at the district conference was presented by Mrs. Bud Winter. Miss Sanders, county health nurse, discussed "Summer Round-Up Benefits."

Mrs. Maurice Falkner was program leader, and "The Story Book Ball" was presented by the first grade under direction of Mrs. T. B. Friend. Betty Wright sang "Down in Toyland Village." Supt. R. L. Fortune's violin class gave a number.

The following officers were installed for the incoming year: president, Mrs. C. W. Edwards; vice-president, Mrs. Karl Bonneaux; secretary, Mrs. R. L. Fortune; treasurer, Mrs. Joe Boone; parliamentarian, Mrs. Roger Williams; historian, Mrs. Ola Lee Winn.

Committee chairmen installed were: program, Mrs. Maurice Falkner; membership, Mrs. A. W. Woods; room representatives, Mrs. Hale McRee; music, Miss Christine Collins; publicity, Miss Yvonne Hodges; goals, Supt. Fortune; hospitality, Mrs. Karl Bonneaux; publications, Mrs. Bud Winter; budget and finance, T. C. Blaukenship; study group, Mrs. Alex Williamson; health, Mrs. Joe Boone.

White Church News

Our community is planning to have home-coming Sunday, May 18, in celebration of the 52nd year of the White Church, one of the oldest in the county. There is to be a program in the morning with dinner served at the noon hour. Everyone is invited to attend. There is an especial welcome extended to all the old-timers of the county as the day is to be in honor of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burdett and children, Wanda, Ramona, Wilma Jean and Anetta Jo, of Goldthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and son, Doyal, Mrs. Raymond Demere and Jack Boyd were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston Sunday. Mrs. Burdett is a sister of Mr. Weston.

We had quite a few visitors in our

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community for Mother's Day in various homes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn and K. Blackburn of Nubia were seen in our midst Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Conley and son, Deverle, and J. C. Riggran attended the bedside of Mrs. Raymond Russom of Big Spring recently. We sincerely wish for Mrs. Russom a very early recovery.

Mrs. Fay Brown and daughters, Ruth, Mabel and Eula Dix, visited in the Artist Cook home Sunday.

Joan Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beryle Brown, was in the group of Mrs. T. T. Earhman's music class who played in Abilene Saturday and made a superior grade.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan were Abilene visitors one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean had several of their children home for Mother's day.

Arlton Farmer of Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Frazier of Putnam are moving back to the White Church community.

Railroad Bills to House and Senate

A bill sponsored by Rep. Henry G. Lehman of Giddings, requiring the railroad commission to issue certificates to the railroads permitting them to transport goods by truck in the territory served by their lines, is now before the house.

A companion bill, sponsored by Senator Olan R. Van Zandt of Tioga,

has been introduced in the senate.

These bills provide that such certificates shall be issued only after the railroad commission has conducted hearings and has been convinced that the granting of this right would be in the public interest.

In the main the proposal to supplement rail service with truck service will not involve any large shipments of freight. Large shipments will continue to be moved by rail, but less-than-carload lots will be moved from

the railroad station to their destination within territory contiguous to the point on the rail line where the shipment arrives. The railroads will haul very little of their freight over the highways now used by the commercial trucks, it is pointed out by the railway companies.

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CARROTS, 3 for	10c
LETTUCE, each	5c
SQUASH, lb.	5c
SPUDS, 10 lbs.	19c
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March of Time Shows "Crisis in Atlantic"

The first motion picture story on the newest phase of the war—the battle of the Atlantic—will soon be brought to the screen in the latest March of Time film, "Crisis in the Atlantic," which vividly portrays the many aspects of the current struggle to keep open the sea lanes over which war materials and vital food-stuffs must safely and quickly be carried to Britain.

This latest film scoop by the editors of the March of Time includes several sequences of exclusive pictures which moviegoers have never yet had an opportunity to see. It includes thrilling scenes filmed by March of Time cameramen during a long perilous voyage from Canada to England aboard a tanker in convoy, and the first pictures to arrive in the U. S. from Greenland—Denmark's strategic island continent in the western hemisphere, now under full U. S. protection.

Besides the operation of the convoy system, this latest March of Time also shows the ships and planes of the U. S. navy in action, patrolling their newly-extended sea areas to keep merchant vessels informed of the whereabouts of lurking Nazi raiders.

The film also depicts the joint U. S.-Canadian defense efforts to make impregnable the iron band of bases now stretching from the Arctic to the South Atlantic, and to get to Britain quickly the ships, planes, and armaments necessary to ensure her of victory over the Nazi war machine.

With Adolf Hitler's campaign in the Balkans already concluded and the Atlantic now ranking as the chief theatre of the war, March of Time's "Crisis in the Atlantic" is exceptionally timely just now. It will be shown Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night with the feature, "The Devil and Miss Jones," at the Queen theatre.

GOLAN NEWS

Mrs. W. W. Hill of Snyder was a visitor last week in the W. C. Hill home. Mr. Hill came Friday afternoon and they returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrom were Monday visitors with Mr. Byrom's sister and family of White Flat.

Harold Davis, son of C. C. Davis, had his tonsils removed Thursday and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Doris Winter and Shelia have had the measles for the past several days. Both are better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Kinsey of Palava and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis of Abilene spent Mother's day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Vancil spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stephens had lunch Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens.

Miss Bettie Lou Cade visited Sunday afternoon in the home of Emily Sue Kidd.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Hill of Hawley spent the past week-end with their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jeffrey and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Williams of Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod of White Flat spent Mother's day with her mother, Mrs. G. M. Byrom.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stephens visited with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Stephens, in Abilene Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis Jeffrey of Anson were here Sunday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jeffrey.

Harold McClung of Brady is visiting with his mother, Mrs. McClung.

Mrs. W. E. Byrom had her tonsils removed at the Sadler Clinic last week and is doing very well. Her daughter, Mrs. Victor Parsons, of Sylvester, spent several days here caring for her mother.

Miss Rose La Verne McCain has employment in Abilene.

Brother Williams filled his regular appointment Sunday. Due to bad weather and roads, our crowd was small.

NOTICE.

Beginning next Saturday, May 17, and until further notice, this bank will close at 12 o'clock noon on Saturdays.

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Cyrus Pee.

4-H Club Entertains Boy Scouts at Blair

Sandwiches and punch were served to the Blair Boy Scouts by the Blair 4-H club girls at the school lunch room Monday night. Games were played afterward and later a number went to the graduation exercises at Merkel Grammar school.

The following boys were present: Roy Coats, Ernest Blackburn and Perry Estell, guests; Billie Campbell, Wallace Melton, Jesse Loper, Charles Butman, Robert Loper, Elvis Rogers, Orvil Brown, James Butman, J. D. Rogers, J. H. Lowery, Booth Russom, Denzel Melton, Donnie Melton, Junior Moore, Buddy Derington, Jack Chapman, Charles Derington, Vaughn Doan, Wallace Doan, all Blair Boy Scouts.

Club girls were: Delwee Melton, president; Mary E. Melton, vice-president; Jackie Melton, secretary; Miss Ruth Chapman, sponsor; Jimmie Nell Horton, reporter; Lila Mae Lowery, Vern Opal Moore, Bertha Mae Moore, Elbert Reynolds.

Receive Approval of New REA Project

In compliance with the request from the Board of Directors at a recent meeting, approval has been received from REA in Washington to start development of C project of the Taylor Electric Cooperatives, Inc., Supt. Johnny Cox has announced.

This authorization will cover the development of 200 additional miles, which when added to A section, already energized, and B section plus force account extensions, will give a total of approximately 800 miles. C section like the B will consist of short extensions in the six counties now being served on A section. Work on the new project is due to begin soon after July 1, date of the beginning of a new federal fiscal year. Counties or parts thereof served by the co-op are Nolan, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Callahan and Taylor.

Residents of communities not served by the A section or included in the B section may contact the co-op office here for plans or aid in developing their respective section.

Efforts will be made to complete section C by early fall, that it may be included in the new fiscal year's appropriation.

CARD OF THANKS.

It is impossible for us to express in words our deep gratitude for the words of sympathy, acts of love and beautiful floral offerings tendered our loved one during her hours of suffering, and to us since her death. We can but say, "Thank you."

In our hearts is a prayer that a Kind Heavenly Father ever guide your footsteps, and should the shadows of deep grief come into your lives may He provide for you such true friends as were given us during our time of grief and irreparable loss.
M. Elliott and Family.
Jannell and Carl Black.

Drill Teams Tie in Practice Contest

Much interest is being manifested in the fire practice each week between the two Merkel teams captained by Homer Laney and Claude Perry, respectively.

At the present time the teams are tied, and every fireboy is urged to be present at the next drill, as the losing team will have to pay for the supper of the winners.

Two Teams Reach Semi-Finals Stage

Defeating the Bartlett-Petty team, Hodge and Breaux moved into the upper bracket semi-finals of the Scotch foursome, now being played by members of the Merkel Golf club. They will meet the winner of the quarter-final match between Warren-Shouse and Owens-Neill.

McGehee and McCoy eliminated Robinson and Stanford to advance to the semi-finals in the lower bracket. Their opponents will be the winning team between Robertson-Woodrum and Benson-Douglas.

Services Held Thursday For Mrs. Carl Black

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. last Thursday from the Church of Christ for Mrs. Carl Black, with Minister Lee Starnes of the Church of Christ officiating, assisted by E. W. Key of Electra, former local minister. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery.

Six nephews served as pallbearers: Howard, Derrell and Norman Finch, Glynn Elliott and M. B. and Elbert Dresser.

Flower girls were June and Sue Richardson, Evelyn Ensminger, Martha Elizabeth, Winona and Billie Elliott and Dorris Crimm, all nieces.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to every one who in any way helped during the illness of my little son who was badly burned. May each one be rewarded for your good deeds.
Mr. Tommie C. Smith and Children.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. W. E. Byrom, who had a tonsillectomy at the Sadler Clinic on Wednesday of last week, was dismissed the following day.

Peggy Ann Bicknell, Route 2, was admitted to the hospital Sunday for major surgery.

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BROOK'S 19 ounce Tomato Soup 10c
No. 2 Can TOMATOES, 2 for 15c
2 Pkgs. KIX—FREE with MARMALADE 26c
COLORADO—No. 1 SPUDS, 10 lbs. 19c

TOILET SOAPS
4 br Crystal White 16c
4 br Palmolive 21c
TOMATO—CATSUP, 14 oz 10c
PURE APPLE CIDER VINEGAR, qt. 10c

Mustard Bran, qt. 10c
SOUR OR DILL PICKLES, 1 qt. 10c
VEGETABLE JUICE Ting-Tang, 2 cans 15c
Full Line Fresh Vegetables

DRUG SPECIALS
BLACK DRAUGHT, pkg 20c
TALCUM POWDER 13 oz 10c
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Texas Cowboy Reunion At Stamford July 3-4-5

Stamford, May 15.—The most elaborate program in the history of the Texas Cowboy Reunion is assured by the list of attractions tentatively adopted by the directors for the twelfth annual roundup in Stamford on July 3, 4 and 5.

New events will be added to the thrilling show in the arena of the world's biggest cowboy rodeo. For the first time this year, the cowgirl sponsors from various towns and ranches will participate in every afternoon and night rodeo performance of the three days. A bare-handed bull-fighter who uses no cape or weapon will engage the ferocious Brahma steers imported for the steer-riding contest.

Luke J. Pasco of Chicago will return this year with his champion sheep dogs which proved a popular attraction at the 1938 reunion. A new group of trick and fancy riders and ropers are being signed for the arena shows, as well as an outstanding rodeo clown.

These special events are in addition to the cowboy rodeo contests in bareback bronc riding, wild cow milking, steer riding, calf roping and saddle bronc riding in the arena each afternoon and night. Less elaborate programs are provided for the morning matinees. The annual cutting-horse contest will be held on the morning of July 5. The special calf-roping contest for oldtime cowboys has been eliminated due to sentiment against the risks which the elderly men take in this event.

Sam H. Johnston, 50, conductor on the Plainview-Floydada-Santa Fe mixed train, was killed Monday when the train backed over him while being switched in the Lockney yards.



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ICEBERG LETTUCE, head 5c
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FOR RENT—Two furnished apartments. Wozy's Cafe.

FOR RENT—Three-room apartment, all conveniences, recently remodeled. Merkel Hotel.

FOR RENT—6-room house. Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

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WANTED—4-room furnished apartment by June 1. Joseph H. White, Hq. Dept. 1851st Service Unit, Camp Berkeley.

BEAUTY OPERATOR wanted. Bob's Barber and Beauty Shop.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Purse containing driver's license and pictures, Friday night. Notify Loneta Blackburn, Route 4, Merkel, Texas.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You Are Hereby Commanded to summon Edith Rosenbaum by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the Fourth Monday in June, A. D. 1941, the same being the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1941, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1941, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 3867-B, wherein Lutha V. Rosenbaum is Plaintiff, and Edith Rosenbaum is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about May 1, 1930, and on or about September 1, 1933, defendant left and abandoned Plaintiff with the intention of not returning and has continued to reside away from Plaintiff since then, all of which is fully alleged in Plaintiff's petition on file in said court.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas on this 25th day of April, A. D. 1941.

ROY SKAGGS, Clerk, District Courts, Taylor County, Texas By Penn Gilbreth, Deputy

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Powell Miller and daughter, Margaret, of Jal, N. M., arrived the latter part of last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swafford of Monument, N. M., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hull, of Hobbs, N. M., were here for a Mother's day visit with his mother, Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford. Miss Mildred Swafford of Dallas was also here.

Visitors for Mother's day in the J. L. Tucker home were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tucker and family of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henderson visited relatives and friends in and near Cisco Sunday.

Mr. and Marshall Stalls of Odessa spent Mother's day in Merkel with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls. Miss Jannell Black returned home with them to visit this week.

Walter L. Farmer of Camp Bowie, Brownwood, visited friends and relatives the past week-end, seeing his brother, Alton, from Fort Sam Houston, whom he had not seen in several years, also his brother, Whit Farmer, and family of Snyder.

Clayton Doan was home this week-end from San Antonio where he is in service in the air corps.

George V. Riggan of Fort Bliss, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Conley, this week.

Lieut. Clifton Bellamy of Camp Bowie, Brownwood, stopped by to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter on his way to Lubbock. With Lieut. Bellamy were Capt. Marvin F. Rynnion, also of Camp Bowie, and Mrs. Rynnion.

Charlie T. McCormick, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick, over the week-end. He had just returned from Lawton, Okla., where he took exams for the air corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Reneau of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hines and daughter, Janice, of San Angelo, visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and attended the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smith of Stamford spent Sunday in Merkel, guests of Mr. Smith's brother, G. W. Smith. J. J. Russell of Wichita Falls arrived Friday night to visit his mother, who had been taken ill. He was accompanied by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Nora L. Belding, of Park Rapids, Minn., who was a guest in the James H. West home. They returned Saturday to Wichita Falls.

Among the boys up from Camp Bowie, Brownwood, for the week-end were Herman Carson, headquarters detachment, 2nd battalion, 142nd infantry, and Cecil Turner, 61st field artillery brigade.

U. T. Ritchie was down from Midland this week, having come to bring

his mother, Mrs. D. M. Ritchie, back to Merkel to again make her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davis and son, Billy Pat, of Quanah, were guests this week in the George T. Moore home.

Mrs. C. D. Hutchins returned Monday from Fort Worth, where she visited Tom Blair and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wood.

Miss Jannell Black returned Wednesday morning to San Marcos to resume her studies at Southwest Texas State Teachers college.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Lusby were here from Big Lake to spend Mother's day with Mrs. Lusby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis. Olin returned home Sunday, Mrs. Lusby remaining for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble returned home Tuesday night from Austin where they visited Mrs. Gamble's sister, Mrs. A. G. Black, also Mrs. Gamble's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ryals, who were there from Dallas.

Jack Dawson West, company A, 142nd infantry, was up from Camp Bowie, Brownwood, to spend Mother's day with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West. Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird was also a visitor Sunday with her parents.

George Brook of Abilene was a passing visitor in Merkel Thursday morning.

Dr. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. Sadler returned Wednesday from Ft. Worth, where Dr. Sadler attended the annual meeting of the Texas Medical society.

With the close of school Misses Jean Parker and Mary Jo Hutchins are leaving for Brownsville where they will visit the former's parents, Lieut. and Mrs. Jackson Parker.

Mrs. N. Causeaux had all her children with her on Mother's day: Mrs. D. W. Milam of Dallas, Mrs. R. L. Scott and daughter, Mary, Mrs. F. C. Schaub, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Causeaux and daughter, Nancy Joe, of San Antonio, Joe Gunn of Merkel, also Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newman of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sears and daughter of Snyder spent Mother's day with Mrs. Sears' mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jones and children of Hamlin were Mother's day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West were also visitors in the Clark home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann moved to their ranch, six miles north of Trent, Wednesday, to spend the summer months.

Woodrow Clark, employed by the Walco Construction company, has been transferred from Roby to Woodward, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs and two daughters of Meadow came last Friday to visit his mother, Mrs. Betty Toombs, who was seriously ill, but is slightly improved. Mrs. Toombs and daughters returned home Sunday, Mr. Toombs remaining until Thursday.

Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, with Mrs. Waters and Anna Lake, left Monday to attend the Southern Baptist convention at Birmingham, Ala.

E. W. Key of Electra, former minister of the Church of Christ here, who came to assist in the funeral services for Mrs. Carl Black, last Thursday, was accompanied by Mrs. Key and their daughter, Mary Ellen.

Here to spend Mother's day with Mrs. S. W. Sheppard were Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Miss Marian Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard, of Dallas, and Lieut. Urban H. Zehnpfennig, 18th Field Artillery brigade, Fort Sill, Okla., and Mrs. Zehnpfennig.

Thirty-two Present For Mother's Day Dinner

With their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams of near Stith and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jennings of Maryneal, as honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennings were hosts to 32 for a family dinner Sunday.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Adams and two daughters, Virginia and Wanda, Maryneal; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drake and three children, Frankie, Joan and Bobby, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jennings and son, Donald Richard, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jennings and four daughters, Lela, Leta, Joyce and Wilma, of Clyde, and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Jennings and daughter, Carolyn, Midland, and Charles Ray, Betty and J. W. Jennings, children of the hosts.

First Non-Registrant Is Sent to New Jersey

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Isom have been advised that their 19-year-old son, Billy Bob, has been transferred from Fort Bliss to Fort Monmouth, N. J. Young Isom was the first non-registrant to ask for a year's military training under the selective service program here.

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ORANGES, dozen 29c **SPUDS 10 lbs. . . . 19c**

PURE CANE SUGAR Cloth Bag 10 lbs. . . . 59c

SUN SPUN	STUFFED
Salad Dressing, pt. . . . 21c	Olives, 5 1/2 oz. bottle . . . 23c
BLUE & WHITE	PICNIC
Pork & Beans, per can . . . 5c	Plates, dozen 10c
TOMATO	PAPER
Juice, 1/2 gallon can . . . 25c	Napkins, pkg. of 80 . . . 10c
RED & WHITE	SCOT
MEAL, 5 lb. bag 18c	Towels, 2 rolls 25c
BLU-KROSS	200's
Toilet Tissue, 3 for . . . 25c	Kleenex, 2 pkgs. . . . 25c
OUR VALUE	RED & WHITE
Corn, No. 2 can 10c	Laundry Soap, 6 bars . . 23c
OUR VALUE	RED & WHITE
Peas, No. 2 can 10c	COFFEE, 1 lb. can . . . 25c

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Pupils Presented in Twilight Musicales

Trent, May 15.—In a twilight musicale, voice and piano pupils of Miss Christine Collins were presented Monday evening in the following program in the school auditorium:

"Before All Lands," Junior group.
 "The Red, White and Blue," Joy Lansford.
 "He's My Uncle," Don Friend.
 "Thank You, America," Peggy Titsworth.
 "Song of the Willows," Patricia Beasley.
 "Put Your Little Foot," Glenna Scott.
 "Mutiny in the Nursery," Betty Wright.
 "Daddy's Waltz," Jasper Hobbs.
 "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," Wanda Lou Kegans.
 "End of a Perfect Day," Geraldine Freeman.
 (a) "Aloha Oe," (b) "Down on the Farm," Cliffla Jean Estep.
 "Cherokee," Troy Kegans.
 "Amapola," La Nelle Edwards.
 "Blue Danube Waltz," Joy Lansford.
 "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life," Johnny Wheeler.
 "The Nightingale's Song," Don Friend.
 "Oklahoma Lullaby," Jonnie Roberts.
 "Twilight on the Trail," J. B. Winn.
 "Cieleso Lindo," Charlyse Smith.
 (a) "Idilio," (b) "Etude," Ladie Fred Crain.
 "Sweetest Story Ever Told," Alice Carey.
 "Bells of the Sea," Yvonne Hodges.
 "Repasz" march, Jonnie Roberts.
 "Memories," Virginia Chloe McRee.
 "Mah Lindy Lou," Ladie Fred Crain.
 "Under the Double Eagle," Charlyse Smith.
 "Moonlight and Roses," Adult group.

According to the Census Bureau, there are fewer sharecroppers in the U. S. now than at any time in the last two decades. The 1940 census found 541,291 sharecroppers in 16 states—234,987 less than in 1930.

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NEWMAN NEWS

The community cemetery working will be May 30, since we could not work May 5 on account of rain.

Alice Boen and sons returned home Thursday night after a two weeks' visit with friends and relatives in Merkel.

Brother and Mrs. Lee Hollis and daughter were Sunday visitors in the Fowler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson and sons spent Sunday in the Reeves home.

Mrs. Exar Boyd enjoyed a family reunion in her home on Mother's day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Boyd and family of Roby, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Boyd and family of Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyd and family of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Red Howard, Archie Boyd of Abilene, J. P. Irl, Vera and Damon of this community. All the children were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson made a business trip to Sweetwater Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler and Mrs. Fannie Reeves made a business trip

to Roby Monday.

Edith Horkey was a Monday evening visitor in the home of Alice Boen. J. P. Boyd is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyd of Sweetwater.

Vera Boyd is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Red Howard of Abilene.

Merkel Girl at TSCW In Little Theatre Cast

Denton, May 15.—Miss Betty Grimes of Merkel was cast in the Little Theatre production, "The Male Animal," at Texas State College for Women presented May 14 and 15 in the college auditorium.

A Broadway success, the comedy takes place on the campus of a mid-western university on a football weekend. Miss Grimes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, is a senior majoring in speech at TSCW.

Last week Miss Grimes attended the annual senior formal, the most outstanding social function held on the campus. The formal was in the college library. Music was furnished by Eddie Fitzpatrick and his orchestra for dancing and for the presentation of the college beauties.

Banquet Stresses Patriotic Theme

Trent, May 15.—Karl Bonneaux, senior in speech at Hardin-Simmons university, gave several dramatic interpretations at the junior-senior banquet held at the school auditorium on Tuesday evening of last week, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association.

With Supt. R. L. Fortune as toastmaster, the invocation was given by T. C. Blankenship. The senior quartet, Nadine Childers, Ladie Fred Crain, Virginia Chloe McRee and Jonnie Roberts, accompanied by Christine Collins, sang "Old Fashioned Garden." Toast to the seniors was given by Othell O'Kelley, with response by Roy Yandell. After the march "Militaire," by Rev. Cecil Tuine, Dan Forth foundation awards and honor roll scholarships were made to Nadine Childers and Billy Joe Purser by T. B. Friend.

Speaker of the evening was Rev. F. H. Porter, whose subject was "Seniors Justified." T. B. Friend directed "God Bless America," accompanied by Christine Collins, and the benediction was given by A. W. Woods,

president of the Trent school board. Special guests were Deweece McGahey from Hardin-Simmons university and Mrs. Reva York from Canyon.

A patriotic theme was carried out in the use of the class colors of red, white and blue, with table decorations in the same colors and a garden scene for the background.

Guests of the twenty-four members of the senior class were the junior

class, members of the school board and their wives and members of the faculty and Parent-Teacher association.

Nine members of the sophomore and freshmen classes served the banquet.

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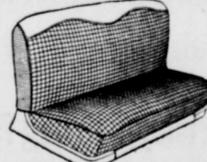
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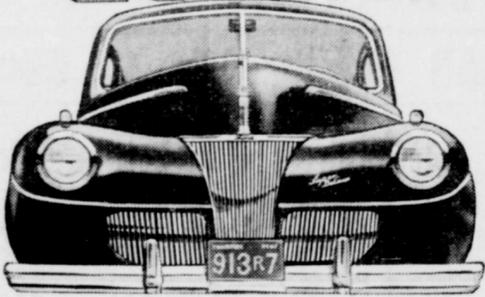
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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—"Along the Rio Grande," starring Tim Holt, Roy Whitley; color cartoon, "White Eagle" No. 2.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Jean Arthur, Robert Cummings in "The Devil and Miss Jones;" also latest March of Time, "Crisis in the Atlantic."
Tuesday only—On the screen at last, "Tobacco Road," with Charley Grapewin, Marjorie Rambeau; added, "Naval Academy" in technicolor, selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—"A Girl, a Guy and a Gob," with George Murphy, Lucille Ball, Edmond O'Brien; Popular Science, selected shorts.

"The Devil and Miss Jones"

The hectic and oft-times exciting lives of today's young people are woven into a gay, fantastic pattern for "The Devil and Miss Jones," Jean Arthur's latest starring vehicle, coming to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.

Unique in its theme and incidents, the film presents its lovely star as a pretty clerk in a large New York emporium. Her life is like that of millions of other similar workers until her motherly instinct prompts her to take under her wing a friendless old shoe clerk helplessly floundering in his newly acquired job.

When her aged protegee suddenly turns out to be a multi-millionaire who owns the establishment and who is posing as an employee merely to find out what is back of a revolt in the ranks of the employees, the story hits a merry pace.

Miss Arthur's romance with the young leader of the "rebels," the regeneration of the old impostor, who soon sympathizes with the movement, and his own participation in a demonstration against his own tyrannical management, lead to the sparkling climax of this gay offering.

Robert Cummings has the romantic lead, while Charles Coburn is seen as the rich tycoon. Other important roles are played by Edmund Gwenn, Spring Byington, S. Z. Sakall and William Demarest. Sam Wood directed this Frank Ross production for RKO Radio, written by Norman Krasna.

"Tobacco Road"

At last, after eight years of sensational, record-breaking stage success, "Tobacco Road," is on the screen. Produced, directed and written by Darryl F. Zanuck, John Ford and

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Word was received Monday by a Merkel man that he ranks among the country's top-flight automobile salesmen as result of his high standing at the end of the third quarter of a nation-wide car-selling contest, sponsored by De Soto dealers and the De Soto division of Chrysler corporation. The salesman is C. P. Church of Church Motor company, De Soto-Plymouth dealer here.

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Ball and Edmond O'Brien in the top roles, the RKO Radio film marks the initial production chore of Harold Lloyd, America's premiere screen comedian, and it is said to sparkle with high-speed comedy and romantic complications.

Richard Wallace directed the hilarious offering.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. J. W. Moore has been on the sick list for several days. Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. Curb of Merkel, is staying with her a few days.

Miss Annie Clara Doan is also on the sick list.

Elder Lee Starnes, minister of Merkel, is to fill his regular appointment here at the school auditorium Sunday afternoon, May 18, at 2:30 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Sublett and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wright of Copperas Cove were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and two sons of Snyder were guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan Sunday.

Jack Moore of Monahans and Mr. and Mrs. Riley James and family of Merkel spent Mother's day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore. Hugh Campbell is doing jury service at Abilene.

Mrs. J. D. Sandusky and Mrs. Jim H. Campbell sponsored a very appropriate program in observance of

Mother's day at the Methodist church, ably rendered by the Sunday School. Those on the program were as follows: Mother's Day address, Miss Nina Osborn; song, "My Mother," choir; "Our Best Friend," Billie Jackson; "My Best Friend," Elmer Lee Sandusky; "Mother's Love," Pearl Ann McKay; "We're Chums, You See," Bobbie Joe Swafford; "Nobody Knows But Mother," Bertha Mae Moore; duet, Misses Fannie Lou Jackson and Gwendolene Sandusky; dialogue, "Mother," six members of the primary class.

There will be school exercises at the school auditorium Friday night and the public is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Thompson and children spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Henson of Sylvester.

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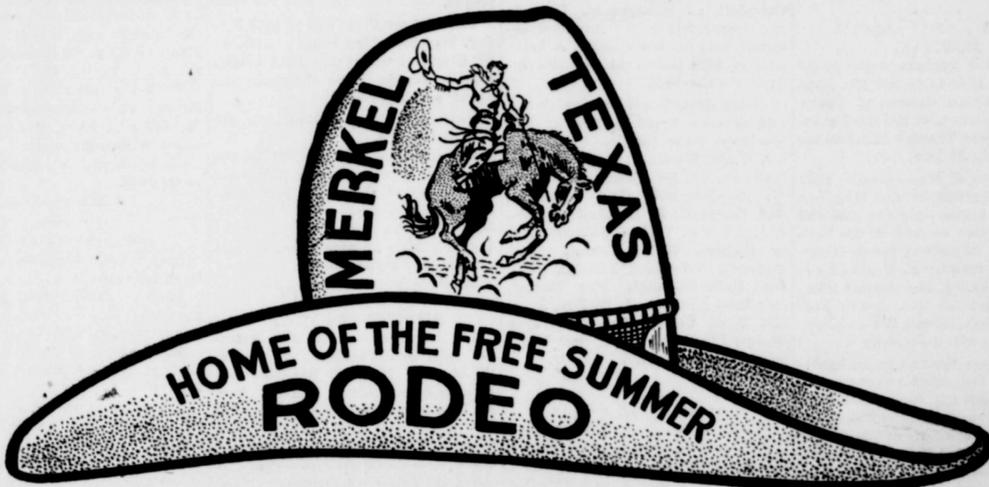
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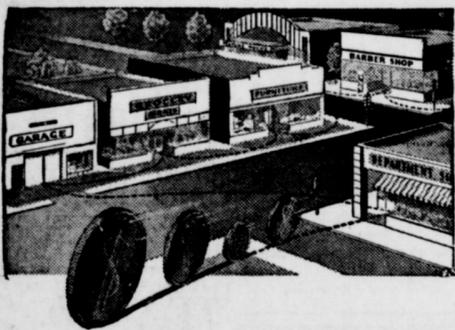


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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.
The last meeting of the study year for the Fortnightly Study club was held Saturday with Mrs. W. T. Sadler acting as hostess at her Sweetwater Lake cabin.

Members and guests enjoyed a perfect picnic lunch at the noon hour. The afternoon was spent in informal discussions and a review of the year's program. The installation of the new officers: president, Mrs. Tom Largent; vice-president, Mrs. Connor Robinson; recording secretary, Mrs. John Leonard; corresponding secretary, Miss Johnny Sears; treasurer, Mrs. Elsie Nash; parliamentarian, Mrs. Harry Bullock; critic, Mrs. Byers Petty, for the coming year concluded the meeting.

Those enjoying the outing were Mrs. Doss Sheppard and Miss Marian Sheppard of Dallas, guests; Mesdames Harry Bullock, W. S. J. Brown, Johnny Cox, S. D. Gamble, Comer Haynes, Stanley King, Tom Largent, Elma McFarland, Elsie Nash, W. B. Petty, Owen Robertson, Connor Robinson, W. T. Sadler, H. C. West, Bud Winter, Ellen Duncan, Len Sublett; Misses Mamie Ellis, Vinnie Heizer, Johnny Sears, Alzada Pogue.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MEETING.

Two Merkel teachers were named officers for 1941-43 of the Mu chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma of Taylor and Jones counties, at the final meeting of the year Tuesday night at the Hilton, Abilene.

The election of Miss Mamie Ellis as first vice-president and Mrs. Len Sublett as parliamentarian followed a buffet supper as part of the business session. Reports of the state convention held recently at Wichita Falls were given by ten Mu chapter members who attended. Mrs. Connor Robinson and Miss Mamie Ellis of Merkel were two who gave reports.

Delta Kappa Gamma is an honorary society for women teachers and women leaders in the educational field. The following Merkel women are among the 59 members of the Taylor and Jones counties Mu chapter: Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Len Sublett, Mrs. Connor Robinson, Miss Alzada Pogue, Miss Mamie Ellis, Miss Mildred Holt and Miss Vinnie Heizer.

WILLING WORKERS.

The Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church met in the home of Mrs. R. A. Walker Tuesday afternoon for their regular monthly meeting.

The program was opened with a song, "Down at the Cross." Devotional was led by Mrs. W. M. Elliott from the 14th chapter of John. Prayer was led by Mrs. G. F. West. A tribute to Mothers was rendered in poems and songs by the class. Roll call was answered with Scripture quotations and the program closed with a song, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and prayer by Mrs. J. R. Walling.

In the social hour a poem was given by Mrs. J. W. McConnell on "Father Takes Mother's Place in the Home."

Mrs. Walker was assisted by Mrs. L. L. Murray in serving a refresh-

ment plate of sandwiches, cake and punch to Mesdames G. F. West, J. E. Tucker, S. A. Derstine, W. M. Elliott, S. G. Russell, J. W. McConnell, J. R. Walling, L. L. Murray, W. A. Campbell; Miss Mary Keny and the hostess, Mrs. R. A. Walker.

The next class meeting will be in the home of Mrs. S. A. Derstine on June 10.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

The Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. E. Y. Bailey with Mrs. Worth Lee co-hostess. The home was decorated with beautiful cut flowers. After a brief business session, refreshments were served to Mesdames Sam Swann, O. B. Leach, L. V. Moore, Nim Teaff, Leon Bigsbee, Ray Mundy, W. A. Bowman, L. B. Whitaker, Jarrett Pinckley and the hostesses.

FAREWELL PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Rube Henslee, who are moving to Fort Worth, were honored with a farewell party in the R. H. Mathews home Tuesday evening with Mesdames Bill Sledge, O. F. Fox, W. M. Elliott and W. W. Campbell as co-hostesses. Contests and appropriate games furnished entertainment for the evening. A beautiful chenille bedspread was presented to the honorees.

At the refreshment hour punch and cookies were served to Messrs. and Mesdames Rube Henslee, C. C. Conley, W. M. Elliott, O. F. Fox, R. H. Mathews, Sr., Bill Sledge; Mesdames W. W. Campbell, G. H. Dickerson, Bob Campbell, R. H. Mathews, Jr., J. J. Simpson; Thelma Mathews, Dixie Henslee, Helen Conley, Pearl Mathews, Ruby Nell Henslee, Petty Jean Mathews, Annie Mae Bagley, Roy Kent Mathews, J. D. Fox, E. A. and Doyle Conley, Robert Wayne Sledge, Lloyd Dickerson, Bud Mashburn, Charles Bagley, Marvin Jay Mashburn.

Y. W. A. MEETS.

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church met Tuesday evening for a business session in the home of Clara and Maurine White with Nadine Clack and Lucille Crick co-hostesses. Miss Clack presided over the group and Bess McNiece acted as parliamentarian. Maurine White gave the devotional.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames A. C. Terry, Jr., Clyde Bartlett, Allen Wilson, Bill Fugat, Misses Clara and Maurine White, Grovone Ford, Thelma and Pearl Mathews, Bess McNiece, Mary Nell Morgan, Dot Swafford, Nadine Clack and Lucille Crick.

Vivian Davis and Grovone Ford will have charge of the next program.

NEEDLE AND THEMBLE CLUB.

The Needle and Themble club met Wednesday afternoon, May 14 at the home of Mrs. Milton Case with 16 members present.

The afternoon was spent in chatting and sewing and delicious refreshments were served to the following by the hostess: Mesdames Earl Watts, Owen Robertson, Spencer Bird, Stacy Bird,

RURAL SOCIETY

FAMILY REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Armstrong of the Salt Branch community had as their guests Sunday all of their six children for the first time in several years, also a few friends.

A beautiful and delicious dinner was served at the noon hour and the afternoon hours were spent kodaking and having fun. At parting every one expressed what a good time had been had.

Children and friends enjoying the affair with Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Armstrong and baby, Jimmy, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Woodard and Mrs. Ronnie Joe, Hodges; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Armstrong; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, Tye; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Armstrong and children, Dora Joe, Ancil and Leroy, Trent; Melba Sue Ellis, Hodges; Linnie Faye Armstrong, and Lewis Farmer, Camp Bowie, Brownwood.

GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met Friday, May 9, in the home of Mrs. Irvin Ueckert. An interesting paper was read by Miss Loraine King on the "Selection and Cooking Difficult Cuts of Meat." Mrs. Karl Bonneaux gave several readings appropriate for Mother's day. After the business session a social hour was enjoyed in which several games were played.

The next meeting will be held Friday, May 23, in the home of Mrs. C. W. Seago, at which time Miss Gladys Martin, county home demonstration agent, will be present.

Visitors to new members are always welcome.

Refreshments were served to the following club members: Mesdames R. J. King, H. G. Smith, Karl Bonneaux, C. W. Seago, Clifford Eoff, John Windlan, Leo Ueckert, Henry Ueckert, Miss Loraine King, several visitors, the hostess and a number of children.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. B. B. Reynolds with Mrs. Ray Reynolds as hostess. Mrs. A. L. Farmer, club president, called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Mrs. B. B. Reynolds, a singsong followed, minutes were read and roll called by Mrs. Ford Butman, in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Will Butman.

Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. W. C. Perkins were unable to attend the council meeting. Mrs. Raymond Thomas read a report on the last council meeting. Mrs. S. C. Keith had charge of the program. Mrs. Tom Rasmus will be in charge of the next program.

At the refreshment hour a plate of sandwiches, cookies and fruit punch was passed to Mrs. Gene Ray of Coleman. Mrs. Whit Richie, Mrs. B. B. Reynolds and Mrs. T. J. Neill, visitors; Mesdames G. L. Anderson, Ford Butman, Houston Martin, James Simpson, Dewell McLean, Raymond Thomas, A. L. Farmer, S. C. Keith, Ralph Miller, Elmer Patterson and the hostess, with several children.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Raymond Thomas, May 27.

Celebrate Mother's 88th Birthday Mother's Day

Mrs. M. E. Holmes of Stephenville, mother of T. G. Bragg, was 88 years old on May 6, and on the Sunday following, May 11, which was Mother's day Mr. and Mrs. Bragg joined with other children and descendants in observance of her birthday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. John Stockton, at Stephenville. Present also were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bragg of Dallas, but the other son was unable to come.

Returning home Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Bragg were accompanied by his mother, their daughter, Mrs. Paul Marr, and Mrs. Carrie Lee McElroy, both of Stephenville.

John Grable, W. A. Bowman, Buck Leach, Nolan Palmer, Hoyle Lemens, Worth Lee, E. Y. Bailey, L. V. Moore, David Gamble, Connor Robinson and Herbert Dunn.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. David Gamble May 28.

W. M. U. CIRCLE.

The Elkin Lockett circle of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. G. M. Sharp Monday, May 5. In the absence of the leader, Mrs. Lucy Ford, Mrs. W. F. Patterson was in charge. The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. J. M. Meeks. Mrs. J. M. Williamson taught a wonderful Bible lesson to the following members: Mesdames J. M. Meeks, S. J. Criswell, O. B. Tatum, A. H. Zollinger, Oda Clark, W. F. Patterson, G. M. Sharp, and two visitors, Mrs. Spha Dodd and Glenn Clark.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Williamson. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. F. Campbell May 19.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 570 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 544 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 583.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The pastor will preach at Tye at the morning hour. Evening worship 8 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Five Centroverted Points of Calvinism." Text, 11 Tim. 3:16-17. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for proof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished until all good works."

J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6:45. Evening at 7:45.

Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 7:45 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service 11 a. m. Intermediate League 6:45 p. m. Young People's League hour begins at 6:45 p. m. Evening preaching Service at 7:30 p. m.

Week-day activities: Women's Society of Christian Service meets Monday at 3 p. m. Mid-week service every Wednesday night.

There's always a welcome with the Methodists.

Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Our regular schedule of services is as follows: Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m., young people's Bible class 7 p. m.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class 2:30 p. m. and prayer meeting at 8 p. m.

The public is invited to attend each of these services. Come bring your friends.

Lee Starnes, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. NYPS at 7:30 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

G. O. Crow, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

M. C. Miller, Pastor.

NUBIA M. E. CHURCH.

There are 43 present for Sunday School and church at Nubia Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and Doyal, from White Church, were there. Visitors are always very welcome. It gives the leaders a greater determination to make ours a better church.

Girls Express Thanks For Scout House

The Merkel Girl Scouts are announcing to the public that their house is a reality and not a dream. In connection with the realization of their plans for a permanent home, the Girl Scouts, collectively, gave The Mail the following statement:

"For four years we have worked to accomplish this and now we have won. We are so proud of our Little House and we take this opportunity to thank each and every one who has in any way helped to make this possible. Especially do we wish to thank the Lions club, the school board and our leaders. And to Mrs. G. W. Wilhite go our thanks for the beginning of Scouting here and our cabin fund. By our work and our actions we hope to prove to our town that you have not misplaced your confidence. Our motto is 'Be Prepared,' and our slogan, 'Do a good turn daily.'"

Nine girls have won the first class rank and there are several that just lack a few badges. By the beginning of September it is expected all girls will be first class and, to this end, a class in Scout Badge work under the direction of Miss Sanders, county health nurse, is beginning. First meeting will be held in the Scout cabin Friday morning, May 23, at 9 a. m.

Since the soldier boys have taken over the camp grounds, there will be no Scout camp this summer.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Misses Inez Askins and Era Bale, students at Draughon's Business college, Abilene, were two of the 24 highest ranking students whose names appeared on the honor roll of the college for the past term.

Among those attending a dinner at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, last Friday night for Conoco dealers and friends were Frank Golladay, Edgar Bradley and Lem Dudley, C. L. Olden, assistant division manager of the Continental oil company, Fort Worth, was the principal speaker.

The many friends of W. L. Massey will regret to learn of his serious illness. Coming from Kilgore to be at his bedside this week were two of his children, Mr. and Mrs. John Reagh and Mrs. and Mrs. Ed Massey, and their families.

Elva Hughes was in charge of a dedication service in which Mrs. A. R. Toombs was elected Nubia Church's mother. A number of readings were given honoring Mother's day.

Nubia League is progressing nicely under their new activity plan. In connection with their Sunday night programs, they have groups: Talents, Social and Goodwill. Each month each of these groups functions. Group leaders are: Lula Bell Patterson, Louise Richie and Mildred Wilkins.

A report for the month of April follows: 4 Easter greetings sent, 2 thoughtful gifts sent, Louise and Betty Joyce Cook from White Church sang, 2 nature films were shown, one social and one weiner roast were enjoyed. This was the first month for the group to function, but Leaguers really hope to do more nice things as the months go by.

Reporter.

Sister in Arkansas Is Buried Tuesday

Mrs. J. D. Voss, sister of Mrs. J. T. Warren and A. R. Booth of this city, died Monday at Conway, Ark. Funeral services were held Tuesday in that city. Mrs. Warren had gone a week ago last Sunday to be at the bedside of her sister.

One other sister, Mrs. Herbert Russell, of Conway, and two daughters and one son survive. Mrs. Voss had visited several times in Merkel in past years.

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WINESAP—Med. Size
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GREEN—Nice and Tender BEANS 2 lbs 15c
BEETS, 3 bchs. 10c
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Fresh CORN, 6 ears 19c
CARROTS, 3 bchs. 10c

ICE CREAM
All Flavors
Pt 10c

PURE CANE—Kraft Bag SUGAR 10 lb 52
6 BOX CARTON MATCHES 15c
PORK & BEANS, 16 oz. 5c
Plain or Mixed Salad Dressing, qt. 15c
PREPARED MUSTARD, qt. 10c
POST pkg. 9c
TOASTIES 15c
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, 46 oz. can 15c
NO. 1 CAN Fruit Cocktail 10c
LIPTON'S glass free TEA 1/4 lb. 23c
ALL FLAVORS—JELLO, pkg. 5
SKINLESS—WEINERS, lb 19
Cottage Cheese, glass 15c
SLICED—BOLOGNA lb. 12 1/2c
NO. 1 GRADE SALT PORK, lb 15 1/2
CHUCK—Fancy ROAST lb 22c
PORK CHOPS, lb. 21c
BRISKET BEEF—ROAST, lb. 15
—FISH—HOT BAR-B-Q

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